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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 23, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 200512) and the Advisory Action dated April 10, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 200604) in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed with a Petition for Extension of Time of one month because April 23, 2006 was a Sunday. Attached is a Declaration by Dr. Wood with Exhibit A. Reconsideration and entry of this Declaration is duly requested.

Amendments to the Claims begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on **page 4** of this paper.

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